

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 12-14, as amended, remain herein.

Applicants have amended Claim 12 mooted the objection thereto.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Synnestvedt et al. U.S. Patent 6,598,057. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Synnestvedt discloses a method and apparatus for generating configuration files using policy descriptions. Synnestvedt discloses that the DHCP protocol may assign a temporary IP address to a network device automatically when the network device connects to the network. Synnestvedt's method includes configuration files that define the equipment's operating mode, such as: downstream and upstream service assignments, assigned frequencies, data rates, modulation schemes, class of service and type of service; see col. 5 lines 28-32. However, Synnestvedt does not disclose a configuration table that comprises two application names at its input corresponding to two IP addresses and two locations at its output as claimed by applicants.

Thus, there is no disclosure or teaching in either of Synnestvedt or what was commonly known at the time of the invention that would have suggested applicants' claimed invention to one of ordinary skill in this art. Further, there is no disclosure or teaching in either Synnestvedt or what was commonly known at the time of the invention that would have suggested the desirability of combining any portions thereof effectively to anticipate or suggest applicants'

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claimed invention. Withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1-9, 12 and 13 and allowance of all claims are therefore respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-4293 (Order No. 28954.2009). If further amendments would place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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